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SUMMARY. FUTURE OF EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY (EAC) WAS SUBJECT OF
SPEECH BY PRIME MINISTER SOKOINE JUNE 29. HE SAID KENYA HAD NOT
RESPONDED SATISFACTORILY TO TANZANIAN DEMARCHE ON RENEWING EAC
BUDGET AND WAS CONSIDERED TO HAVE WITHDRAWN FROM COMMUNITY.
TANZANIA WOULD BE WILLING TO CONTINUE TO COOPERATE IN EAC WITH
UGANDA. END SUMMARY.

1. PRIME MINISTER SOKOINE ADDRESSED NATIONAL ASSEMBLY EVENING
OF JUNE 29 ON FUTURE OF EAC. HE RECALLED THAT PRESIDENT NYERERE
HAD SENT A MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT KENYATTA JUNE 23 ONB RENEWING EAC
GENERAL SERVICES FUND BUDGET (REFTEL). MESSAGE HAD STATED TANZANIA'S
WILLINGNESS TO CONTRIBUTE TO EAC BUDGET FOR FULL FINANCIAL YEAR
BUT SUGGESTED, AS INTERIM MEASURE, THAT BUDGET BE APPROVED FOR
AT LEAST THREE MONTHS, DURING WHICH TIME EAC FINANCE COMMITTEE
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WOULD BE ABLE TO SORT OUT THE OPERATION OF GENERAL FUND FOR A FULL
YEAR. KENYA'S RESPONSE, AS ANNOUNCED BY PRIME MINISTER, WAS
TO ASK FOR TANZANIA'S ASSISTANCE IN HELPING KENYAN EAC EMPLOYEES
RETURN HOME FROM ARUSHA HEADQUARTERS WITHOUT DIFFICULTY.

2. SOKOINE SAID TANZANIA WAS ASTONISHED THAT KENYA HAD SENT ITS
REPLY BY TELEGRAM, RATHER THAN BY EMISSARY, AND THAT THE REPLY

MADE NO MENTION OF EAC FINANCES. HE SAID THIS KENYAN STEP TO
BREAK UP THE EAC WAS YET ANOTHER SOLITARY MOVE BY KENYA TAKEN
WITHOUT CONSULTATION WITH OTHER EAC MEMBERS. KENYA HAD NOW DECIDED
TO TAKE ITSELF OUT OF THE EAC. TANZANIA WAS STILL AWAITING
UGANDA'S REPLY BUT WAS PREPARED TO CONTINUE TO COOPERATE WITH
UGANDA IN MAINTAINING THE EAC.

3. TANZANIA MEDIA JUNE 30 GAVE PROMINENT TREATMENT TO PRIME MINI-
STER'S SPEECH, KENYA'S RESPONSE TO TANZANIA'S DEMARCHE, AND
KENYA'S REPORTED DECISION TO NATIONALIZE ITS CUSTOMS, HERETOFORE
AN EAC FUNCTION. EDITORIAL IN PARTY DAILY UHURU HELD THAT KENYA HAD
FINALLY ACHIEVED ITS GOAL OF BREAKING UP THE EAC, SAID THAT
KENYANS RESPONSIBLE STOOD ACCUSED OF TREASON, AND DECLARED TANZANIA'S
STRICT ADHERENCE TO AFRICAN UNITY.
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